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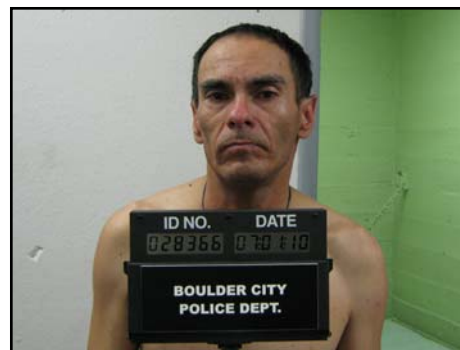
Robbery at Albertson's

On July 1, 2010 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Boulder City Dispatch received a report of a disturbance at Albertson's. The caller stated that a Hispanic male attempted to shoplift merchandise. When confronted by store personnel, he grabbed a liquor bottle off the shelf and smashed it. He used the broken bottle to threaten people as he attempted to exit the store.

Officer Levi Gilliam happened to be in the store parking lot shortly after the male exited the store. Gilliam was flagged down by witnesses and attempted to apprehend the male who temporarily stopped when Gilliam activated his emergency lights and siren.

As Gilliam exited his patrol car, the suspect ran toward Starbucks. Two observant citizens intercepted the male on the Starbucks patio and detained him until Gilliam arrived.

The suspect was identified as Christian Navarro. A records check indicated he had a previous conviction for larceny. After store personnel positively identified Navarro as the suspect who committed the robbery, he was arrested and transported to the Boulder City Police Department where he was booked and placed into a holding cell by Officer Jeffrey Grasso.



While completing his arrest report, Grasso heard noises coming from the cell area and went to investigate. He discovered the suspect hanging from his neck by a noose he made from the shirt he had been wearing. Grasso immediately removed the man from the noose, notified dispatch and requested rescue. Navarro never lost consciousness or stopped breathing. Navarro was subsequently transported to the Clark County Detention Center and placed on a suicide watch. He was held on charges of robbery with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.

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